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I AM
BLIND

"OPERATION...
BLINDFOLD!"

MIDNIGHT... GOTHAM CITY... A BLIND MAN WALKS A LONELY STREET.



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BATMAN

With the help of Robin, the Boy Wonder!

**"Operation:
BLINDFOLD!"**

AS THE REVERBERATING GUN-BLASTS SUDDENLY CEASE, WITH ONLY A RINGING SILENCE ECHOING IN THE EARS OF THE KILLERS, THE VICTIM LIES LIMP, SAVE FOR A QUIVERING ATTEMPT TO RAISE HIS CANE-HEAD...

AND BUNDED BY A WILL STRONGER THAN DEATH, THE CANE, CLUTCHED IN A DEATH-GRIP, STARTS TO SCRATCH...A MESSAGE...



AND, AS THE POUR OF FAIRLY TUNED ENGINES THROB AWAY INTO THE STYGAN DARKNESS, A LONE FIGURE LIES STRANGELY DESERTED... ONLY HEFT COMPANY BY AN EERIE EPITAPH!

COMMISSIONER GORDON...
THEY FOUND OUT

I'M BATMAN!



THEIR DEED DONE, THE TWO "HIT" CARS TEAR AWAY FROM THE GRIM SCENE...

BETTER REPORT TO THE CHIEF REAL QUICK! EVERYTHIN'S HANGIN' FIRE TILL HE GETS OUR CALL-IN!

IT WENT OFF SMOOTH LIKE GREASE! THE SCHEMER SURE DREAMS UP THE FOOL-PROOF ONES!

"OPERATION BLINDFOLD" TO SCHEMER... COME IN!

SCHEMER-- HERE... YOU'VE TAKEN YOUR BLOODY TIME "BLINDFOLD"! WHAT'S THE WORD?

OPERATION... OPERATIONAL! MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, B.D. BATMAN IS DEAD!



AND AS THE CARS PULL UP TO AN OUTDOOR PHONE-BOOTH, THE LIGHT FROM THE PHONE-STATION REVEALS...



PUTTING THROUGH A CALL TO POLICE
EMERGENCY...

YEAH—ALLEY
NEAR CORNER OF GRAND
AND MARKET STREETS/
THE "COMMISH" OUGHTA
GET A BANG OUTA
THIS ONE!

ROUSED AT
HIS HOME BY
A POLICE
ALERT, COMMISSIONER
GORDON IS
PICKED UP
BY A SQUAD
CAR...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!
B—BATMAN
D—DEAD?

AND, PARKED BY A NEARBY INTERSECTION...

PHASE 1 COMPLETE! GORDON IS
ON SCENE OF "CRIME"! SOON—
BATMAN WILL BE NO FURTHER
THREAT TO OUR CAPER!
WHAT NEXT, SCHEMERS?

ENTER PHASE 2! STATION YOUR MEN
AT DESIGNATED INTERSECTIONS...
ALL ROADS THAT COULD BE
POSSIBLE ROUTE OF
GOLD-BULLION
PICK-UP TRUCK...

...MUST BE
COVERED!

AND SO, ON STRATEGIC CORNERS
THROUGHOUT THE SLEEPING GOTHAM
METROPOLIS... A NETWORK OF SIGHT-
LESS "SPOTTERS" IS SET UP...

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WHILE SURVEYING THE GRIM EVIDENCE
LEFT BY THE "KILLER" CARS...

I-I WAS AFRAID
OF THIS! I
WARNED HIM...

WARNED BATMAN, COMMISSIONER
GORDON? OF WHAT? SURELY
YOU DIDN'T KNOW THIS
WOULD HAPPEN?

WHO COULD KNOW, LT. OWENS? NO...
I FEARED... WHEN BATMAN INSISTED
ON WORKING UNDERCOVER TO TRAP
A SMUGGLING RING, THE
WHARF RAT...

...DISGUISED AS A "BLIND"
MAN!

B-BUT HOW CAN
WE BE SURE... THIS
BLIND MAN REALLY
IS BATMAN?

COMMISSIONER GORDON
THEY FOUND OUT
AN BATMAN

Nobody knows
his real identity,
so anybody
could claim
to be him!
Anybody!

Anybody but... a
dying man! What
would he have to
gain from
LYING?

DUNNO, CHIEF!
MAYBE I JUST
DON'T WANT
TO BELIEVE...
THAT BRILLIANT
BATTLES... IS
DEAD! BUT
THERE IS A WAY
TO CHECK...
REAL QUICK!

H-HOW...? I'LL
GRASP AT ANY
FINE STRAN
RIGHT ABOUT
NOW... ANY!

COMMISSIONER
THEY FOUND
I'M...

IF BATMAN IS STILL ALIVE... HE'LL ANSWER HIS HOT-LINE!

OF COURSE... OF COURSE! I'LL TRY AND RAISE HIM AT ONCE!

THAT'S RIGHT, SERGEANT. RELAY ME THROUGH THE HOT-LINE TO BATMAN!

I'LL SWITCH YOU IN, SIR! IT TAKE JUST A SEC TO UNTAPE THESE LINES...



AND IN THAT SLIGHT TIME DELAY... AT A WAREHOUSE ON GOTHAM'S MURKY WATERFRONT AREA...

BRUCE'S MESSAGE SAID TO MEET HIM HERE AT MIDNIGHT... SAID HE WAS ON TO SOMETHING HOT! BUT I'VE BEEN WAITING OVER AN HOUR... I'M WORRIED!

IF THOSE WHAFF RATS SAW THROUGH HIS "BLIND" DISGUISE... I GOT TO GET INSIDE... CHECK AROUND--

BUT NO SOONER THAN ROBIN VANISHED INTO THE DARK AND FORD-SDAVIS STORAGE HOUSE... WHEN IN THE BAT-MOBILE...



TH-THANKS, SERGEANT... I'M SORRY TOO--

TH-THEN IT IS TRUE... THE DEAD MAN IS-- BATMAN!

HAS IT FINALLY COME TO PASS? HAS THE DOURTY DEFENDER OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE MET... THE UNCONQUERABLE FOE?

I-I REALIZE YOUR DEEP... AND W-WHYNOT F SOONER... OR PERSONAL... LOSS, COMMISSIONER LATER, DOESN'T MATTER, GORDON... BUT NOW CAN = NOW!

TELL GOTHAM CITY-- THE TRAGIC NEWS?

WHILE IN A WATERFRONT WAREHOUSE, A MAN PRISES OPEN A PACKING CASE, AND...

I WAS RIGHT! THE ULTRA IMPORT CO. IS A FRONT FOR THE WHARF RATS' SMUGGLING RING!

SUDDENLY... A BLINDING BEAM SPOTLIGHTS THE CORNERED INVESTIGATOR! IT'S BRUCE (BATMAN) WAYNE!

WE WUZ RIGHT! Y'RE NOT "BLIND" Y'RE A POLICE PLANT! MEBBE EVEN... BATMAN!

EITHER WAY, Y'VE USED YOUR PEEPERS FOR TH' LAST TIME! CUT 'M DOWN, RATS!

SHOULD'VE LISTENED TO GORDON. HE WARNED ME THIS MIGHT HAPPEN! AND THE ODDS ARE DEAD AGAINST ME!

SUPERMAN IS JIMMY OLSEN'S *HANGUP!*



JIMMY EXPOSES HIS BEST PAL'S SECRET IDENTITY IN
THE BETRAYAL OF SUPERMAN!

In this
COMPLETE
issue.

JIMMY
STRIKES
BACK!

ON SALE JUNE 11th

BUT THERE'S ONE "FAITHFUL"
WHO WON'T LET BATMAN
DIE EVEN ONCE. AS LONG
AS BREATH STAYS IN HIS
BRAVE THE BODY-ROBIN,
THE BOY WONDER.

MAKE WAY FOR THE
HOME TEAM, RATS.
I'M THROWIN' A
BLOCKIN' TACKLE.

B-BLAST
I'M
SGLIGHT!

AN' EVER
HAPPY TO SEE 'EM
HALF A HALF BACK
LIE YOU,
ROBIN.

TAKE A HOOK
TO CATCH A
HOOK, RAT!

DON'T
NEED A BAT
WHEN A NIGHT HOOK
WILL DO!

PLUS AN' INVISIBLE
LEFT!

YAM

TIME TO HIT THE SACK
BABY YOU'RE GOING
BED-A-BYE

SHLUCKING

IT'S THE TEEN TITAN
A. VS. GRANDEUR MAN,
BATMAN OUT. V. V. V.
C. LE RUGI, V. DE
RE & F. MARETT'S
A. JAR & A. MARE
HOUSE F. & SH. V. V. V.
THE BEGINNING

NOTHING LIKE
GETTING WRAPPED
UP IN YOUR WORK
E-A-NIEZ?

NICE OF YOU
TO STRIKE
E-A-ALONG
ROBIN

FLOWERS
V.B.

E-GOLLY, WAS I
EVER AFRIED
WHEN YOU DIDN'T
SHOW AT THE
APPOINTED TIME
DID THEY
FIND OUT

E-ETHER OF MY
DENTIST'S LH
UH ROBIN THIS
BLACK OUT RIG
I ASKED MY FACE
AND I NEVER HAD A
CHANCE TO SW TCH
INTO BATMAN
GEAR

NOW TO CALL THE
POLICE. LET THESE
RATS HOLED UP IN A
CELL COMMISSIONER
GORDON MIGHT BE
PRETTY WORRIED
BY MY LONG
ABSENCE

SURE MUST BE
MY HAIR ALMOST
TURNED WHITE
FROM FRET-
TING & SWEAT

POLICE HEAD-
QUARTERS?
THAT'S
BATMAN.
I WANT TO
REPEAT

KNOCK IT OFF,
"BUTTERFLY" THIS
ISN'T APRIL FOOL'S
DAY

NOW SEE HERE SERGEANT OR WHATEVER RANK YOU SWINDLED THE FORCE INTO I'VE GOT AN URGENT SITUATION HERE TO REPORT

HE
ACTED
LIKE
I WAS
DEAD ?

WE'LL
REPORT T TO
ST PETER.
HE'S IN
CHARGE
OF YOUR
DEPART-
MENT
NOW.

SO I HEARD
SOMETHING
HAPPENED IN OUR
ABSENCE - MAYBE
THIS IS ON THE AIR

ALL
GOTHAM
CITY IS IN
MOURNING TONIGHT.
CORRECTION: I SHOULDN'T
CALL... ONLY THOSE
WHO CAN SWAKE TO HEAR
THESE WORDS, AND THE
PEOPLE HE MEANT MOST
DO IT EVEN NOW. COMMISSIONER
GORDON IS ON THE
LENE AT GRAND AND
MARKET, PERSONALLY
RECTING AN INVESTIGATION
INTO THE BRUTAL
MURDER OF BATMAN!

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DIG MAHIE

never lost a man

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AS IF TO REASURE HIMSELF THAT THE NAME OF HIS "DEATH" IS FAKE, BRUCE WAYNE CHANGES INTO HIS BATMAN

I FEEL ALIVE
ROBIN, BUT
ONLY
ONE MISSION
CAN THIS
GORDON TAKES
OTHERWISE!
GOT TO GET TO
THE SCENE
OF MY
MURDERER
AND DIE
ENCHANTED

I'M CONVINCED
BATMAN! BUT WHY
HOLD A DEAD KILLER
RAVEN HIMSELF
OFF AS YOU?

THE BATMOBILE RACES
THROUGH THE DARK
STREETS OF GOTHAM
CITY OF A SHOT ON OF
LIFE AND DEATH!

AND AS BATMAN TRAVERSSES THE VIRTUALLY DESERTED
STREETS OF THE SLEEPING METROPOLIS

PRO. ROBIN! SO MANY
BLIND MEN OUT THIS LATE
AFTER MIDNIGHT ALMOST
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE
HOLDING A CONVENTION
IN TOWN

NOT ODD AT
ALL, BATMAN...
THEY ARE THE
LITTLE SIGHTLESS
SOCIETY SLEEPING
HERE IN GOTHAM.

THEN IT'S
DOUBLY
COOL

HMM?

I AM
BL NO.

WHAT HAS BATMAN
NOT LED THAT ESCAPEE EVEN
HE TRAINED HIS CO-OP
TO FIGHT ON HIS SIDE
ROBIN? AND POSSIBLY
THE REVENGE VENGE?

APPROACHING
THE
SCENE
OF THE
CRIME

BETTER PARK IN AT CAF STREET
ROBSON. OUR BURDEN APPEARANCE
IS GOING TO TROW THEM
INTO A TIZZ

YEAH, THEY'RE
ABLE TO TAKE US
AS IN POSTORS
ANYA AND
NIB IS FOR
STEALING
OUR OWN
BATMOBILE!

NO TRUER WORDS WERE
UTTERED AS

BUT YOU
MUST LET US
KNOW WHO
THROUGH I
COULD DO IT.
AM BATMAN.
THE SCRATCH
TO RENT A
BAT COSTUME
HAS BEEN
HERE BEFORE
YOU. IT SE
GUESS NOW
BREEZE OFF

DRIVEN TO THE BREAKING POINT
BY HIS EXASPERATING SIDEKICK,
A WEARY BOROMIR LOCATES UP AT
THE DISTURBANCE

EH? WHAT'S THIS ONE TAKES
UP NOW, OFFICER?

HMM, BUT THEY'RE
THE FIRST TO SHOW
UP IN A PAIR... AS
THE DYNAMIC DUO.
WHO KNOWS?
LET THEM
THROUGH...

OKAY, I'VE HAD IT. I'M TIRED
OF YOU ARE BATMAN
SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!

I'LL TRY
COMING OVER
MAY WE SEE
THE BODY?



SWIFTLY HIS EYES OPERATING LIKE A RAPID-SEQUENCE CAMERA, THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE TAKES
IN ALL THE PERTINENT MINUTiae AND RECORDS IT IN HIS COMPUTER FILE AREA.

AM A BLIND MAN!
AND I'M SURE
NOT ANYONE
WE KNOW

AND, HE'S OBVIOUSLY NOT
BATMAN SINCE I AM
SECOND. HE
DIDN'T SCRATCH
THE MESSAGE
ON THE WALL.

ALMOST SLIPPED
THAT THE VICTIM
DOESN'T EVEN
LOOK LIKE
BRUCE
WAYNE

H-HE
DON'T
WHAT?

MISSION
KEY FOUND
BATM

NO, THAT'S A BOMB SHELL!
HOW DOES BATMAN
FIGURE THIS?

I'LL ANSWER YOUR QUESTION
COMMISSIONER. WITH A
QUESTION. ASK YOURSELF
HOW CAN A BLIND MAN
SEE TO WRITE?

OH NO, YOU
DON'T TALK ME
WITH THAT ONE
MORE TIME. YOU ARE
OBVIOUSLY HE
IS NOT
BLIND AND THEREFORE

HE HAS
TO BE
BATMAN...
IN AN
UNDERCOVER
DISGUISE

GOOD TRY, GORDON. BUT OUR
POOR GUY HERE WAS
DEFINITELY SIGHTLESS!
AND POSSIBLY FROM CHILD-
HOOD. OBSERVE
THE SKIN AROUND
HIS EYES

YOU SURE
DO TAKE THE
CAKE PELLA
WHAT'S SO
ODD ABOUT

THE SKIN IN THE OUTSIDE
CORNERS, GORDON
SMOOTH, NO CROWN
FEET! NORMAL-SIGHTED
PEOPLE CONSTANTLY EQUINT
IN THE PROCESS OF
SEEING. ERGO HE
DIDN'T SEE!



• BUT B-SPLIT
THIS GUY
WASN'T KILLED
FOR NOTHING
AND THAT
MESSAGE
MUST MEAN
SOMETHING!

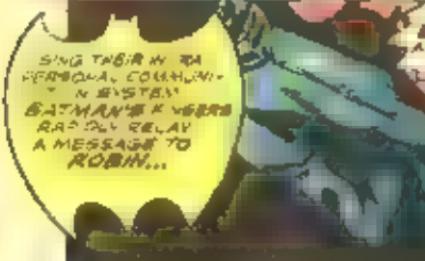
IT DOES, SIR.
IF ANG THE KILLER
KILLED THE DEAD-
MAN'S ARM TO WRITE
THAT EP TAPK SO
NO, HE WOULD BE, EVEN
BATMAN DEAD!



DRIVEN TO COMPLETE DISINTEGRATION BY THE PENITENT
COMPLICANTS, GORDON EXPLODES

WHILE I EXACTLY WHAT
I'M GONNA DO! MEN
HOLD THIS
IMPERSONATOR!
AND HIS
BOY WONDER!

ON-OH, I TALKED
MYSELF INTO JUST
WHAT THE KILLER
WANTED. CAN'T FIGHT
THE LAW, BUT I
MUST KEEP
ROBIN FREE



SING THEM IN A
PERSONAL COMMUNI-
TY SYSTEM
BATMAN'S 2 YEARS
RADDY RELAY
A MESSAGE TO
ROBIN...

WATCH ME THEN BREAK FOR
BATMOBILE! PICK UP TRAIL OF
ANY ONE OPERATING HER WE SAW
EN-ROUTE. TAIL HIM. I'LL
CONTACT YOU LATER

I DON'T DO WHAT
WAS SO ODD
ABOUT THEMEN
HE SAW?



WHY WOULD A CONVENTION OF "IGHTLEES" PERSONS BE OUT ON THE TOWN, SIGHTSEEING? SOMETHING, ROBIN, THEY'RE TIED IN WITH THE "BLIND-MAN MURDER!"

AND ONE OF THEM MIGHT JUST LEAD US TO THE KILLER, CARRY ON, BATMAN. I'LL FOLLOW YOUR LEAD!

AND AS THEY ARE ABOUT TO BE TAKEN...

GOT TO CREATE A DIVERSION FOR ROBIN'S DEAFNESS. HOLD IT BOY! YOU MUST BE BLIND, GORDON. THE ANSWER TO THIS MYSTERY IS RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE. ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU!

LENDING DOWN TO REMOVE THE VICTIM'S DARK GLASSES, THE CAPED CRUSADER'S SHARP EYES DETECT TWO DETAILS HE HAD FORMERLY OVERLOOKED.

DEFTLY ACCOMPLISHED, HIS MYSTERIOUS PURPOSE, BATMAN STRAIGHTENS UP AND...

THAT GANG... AND... NO WAY TO GET THAT WALKING STICK NOW, BUT I MIGHT JUST BE ABLE TO PALM THE OTHER!

HMM... TRY LOOKING THROUGH THESE

AND ALL EYES FOCUS ON GORDON

I SEE NOTHING!

HMM? THAT DOES KIND OF BLACK OUT EVERYTHING, DOESN'T IT?

BATMAN'S RUSH BACKS TO BE WORKING, BUT WHAT DID HE PALM?

ROBIN MAKES A BREWLINE FOR THE BATMOBILE...
INTENT ON ARMYING OUT HIS ASS FAET MISSION
ALL THE A PURFLE VO

THE KID'S GONE!
THAT WAS A SHABBY
TRICK "BATMAN"

VIOTT'S
POP
POST
NO
BILLS

MAYBE GORDON BIT
NO TRICK'S TOO LOW
FOR AN "IMPOSTOR" EH?

AND AS THE TEEN-AGE THUNDERBOY STREAMS
AWAY ON HIS GRAND...

GOT TO FIND
ME ONE OF THOSE "BLIND
MEN," AND LATCH
ONTO HIM!

I AM
BLIND

GET
OUT AN
ALL-CARGO
ALERT I WANT
THAT ROBIN-
MASQUERADE
BRIGHT IN
AND AS FOR YOU

I'M PLUTTING YOU
IN PROTECTIVE
CUSTODI AGAINST
ME! GET IN THE
SQUAD-CAR

YOU'RE MAKING
A BIG MISTAKE
COMMISSIONER! SOME
ONE'S PLANNING A BIG
CAPER TONIGHT, AND
YOU ARE
HELPING HIM

I'LL TAKE THE EVIDENCE WITH ME. TAKE THE DOA TO THE CITY MORGUE. GIVE IT THE USUAL ONE-OKER

THE BLIND VICTIM COULD'VE HAD ANOTHER AFFLICTION, IN WHICH CASE THIS IS JUST ANOTHER SELF-CONTAINED MINI-HEARING-AID! OR

BUT AS THEY PASS A HIDDEN OBSERVER...

OPERATION BLINDFOLD TO SCHEMBAH, OPERATION BLINDFOLD TO...

BTW I'M PICKING UP A RADIO TRANSMISSION WHICH MEANS THIS HEARING-AID'S ACTUALLY A FIXED-FREQUENCY RECEIVER!

BLINDFOLD TO
SCHEMERS.
COME IN

COME IN
IMMEDIATELY

SCHEMERS TO
BLINDFOLD. HEAR ME
GO AND CLEAR PROCEED

A FIDO-AY TRANSMISSION
THE FIRST, NEARBY. THE
OTHER DISTANT

AS I
THOUGHT
THERE'S A "TALK"
BUTTON INSIDE
THE HANDLE

BUT YOU'RE
A RODGE
SCHEMERS!

BATMAN
TAKEN INTO
CUSTODY BY
CIVIL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS
FOR POLICE HQ
BUT

BLA
WHAT?

AND BEFORE
THE STARTLED
GUARD CAN
REACT

AND SINCE THIS
"HEARING AID" IS A
RECEIVER, THEN
THAT CAME COULD BE
A TRANSMITTER!
GOTTA TEST IT

TRY THAT AGAIN
MISTER AND YOU
MAY NOT REACH
HEADQUARTERS
SERGEANT PUT
THE CLIFFS
ON HIM

SORRY,
CHIEF. JUST
A MAD
IMULSE

BUT I PROVED MY
HUNCH AND ODDS
ARE THE SCHEMERS
ORDERED THE BLIND-
MAN KILLING!

THUNDERATION! WE CAN'T HAVE
HIM LOOSE. I'LL RING OUR
OPERATION. GET HIM
DEAD OR ALIVE!

I. I DIDN'T SAY T
SCHEMERS!
SOMEONE
CUT IN ON US
M MAYBE ONE
OF OUR BOYS
IS A
JOKER?

R-ROBIN!
HE'S
ESCAPED!

NO TIME FOR THAT
NOW. I'LL FIND
HIM, AND DEAL
W/TH HIM...
LATER!
NOW, WHAT
WAS YOUR
URGENT?

BOTH THE
POLICE AND
SCHEMERS
BLINDFOLDERS
ARE AFTER
ROBIN, AND
BATMAN IS
ALSO
HANDCUFFED
... THE BOY
WONDER
IS ON HIS
OWN!

WITHIN MOMENTS THE SCHEMERS' BRAH ORDERS ARE RELAYED TO ALL HIS SPOTTERS STAKED OUT AROUND GOTHAM CITY

AND AT THAT INSTANT...

RED ALERT RED
ALERT ROBIN
ON THE ZONE

MUST GET
IN THERE WITH
OPERATION
BLINDFOLD!

ZONE 5 GRID REFERENCE
24 REPORTING SCHEMERS!
"GOLD PICK-UP TRUCK"
CROSSING MY CHECK POINT
HEADING SOUTH ON MAIN BLVD--

I AM
BLIND

DICK T
UP ZONE 4
STAKE OUTS

SHORTLY
NEAR A
ZONE 4
CORNER

AH THREE'S ONE
OF OUR NIGHT-LESS
FIGHTERS BETTER
DOBLE MY LIGHTS, PARK AND
PRO COVER IN A HALLWAY
WHERE I CAN WATCH HIM

BUT I SIT A THAT SPOT 7 SECOND

ZONE 4 GRID REFERENCE 40
REPORTING! OBJECTIVE
TURNING
COMING MAIN
AND CARN
HEADED
WEST-

AND AS THE SPOTTER TURNS TO FOLLOW HIS GUARD'S PASSAGE... ROBIN IS CAUGHT FLAT-FOOTED
FOLLY REVEALED

ROBIN ST

H-HE'S BEEN THE
AND HE'S AMING THAT
GONE ST

CONTINUED ON SECOND PAGE FOLLOWING

THAT CANE'S A ROCKET-LAUNCHER! HE'S FRING A MINI-MIABLE AT ME! GOT TO FIND COVER!

THE UNEXPECTED TURN OF THE ARMORED VEHICLE PROVIDES IDEAL COVER AS ROBIN ATCHES ON IN FULL STRIDE JUST AS

WE'RE BEING ATTACKED AN' WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOT THE GOL'D SET

ZONG

WILL TAKE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE

WHOO! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE

ANGUS ROBIN HANNS ON UNNOTICED.

EVEN THE BANK WE'RE HEADING FOR HAS BEEN KEPT TOP SECRET! WHAT GIVES?

WE CAN'T EVEN BREAK RADIO SILENCE! GOTTA POUR ON THE GAS AN' KEEP TAKIN' EVASIVE!

ROBIN HITCHED A RIDE ON OUR "OBJECTIVE" GRID 22. THEY'RE HEADED YOUR WAY. GET HIM! I MISSED WITH A MINI-ROCKET...

IDIOT! Y'UGHTA ALERTED THE TRUCK GUARDS. I'LL GET HIM, BUT-- SILENTLY!

I AM DO

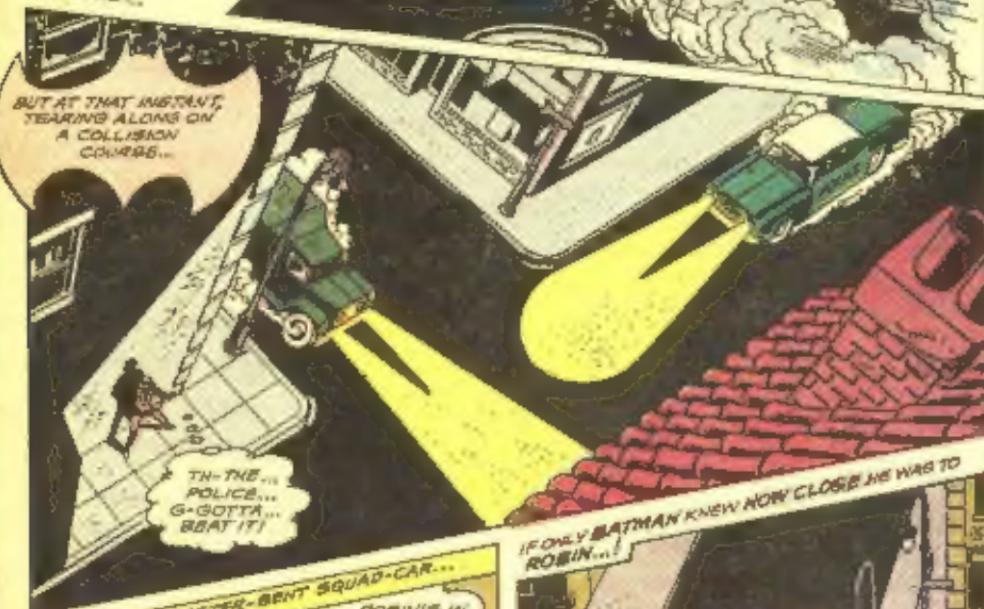
AND AS THE OBJECTIVE NEARS CHECK-POINT GRID 22...

ALERT FOR MORE "SIGHTLINES"
STAKE-OUTS, ROBIN SPOTS
APPROACHING DOOM...



GOING TOO FAST TO DROP OFF...
BURE DEATH!
BUT IF I DON'T...
MAYBE CAN EKE AROUND TO FAR
SIDE...OF TRUCK...

*COMPRESSED-AIR
CARTRIDGE...



IF ONLY BATMAN KNEW HOW CLOSE HE WAS TO
ROBIN...



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SWERVING AT THE LAST INSTANT, BRAKES BURNING... THE MOVING OBJECT IS BROUGHT TO A PANIC-STOP... BY AN IMMOVABLE OBJECT! THE REAR DOOR SPRINGS OPEN, AND...

I'M... FREE! I GOT TO GET AWAY SAYS ROBIN! THAT CANDY MAY COME IN HANDY...

KERASH



WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON AND THE POLICE MOMENTARILY STUNNED, BATMAN CONTINUED TO ROLL DOWN A LONG FLIGHT OF STAIRS, TO WHERE ANOTHER MAN ALSO FLEES...

AND THE PROGRESS OF BOTH IS BROUGHT TO A SUDDEN STOP!

DAZED, THE CAPED CRIME-FIGHTER LIES... HANDCUFFED AND HELPLESS...

B-BATMAN! YOU DON'T STAY DEAD DO YA? WELL... IT'S TIME WE CHANGED THAT!



L-LAST THING I WANT... IS THE FUZZ TO LATCH ONTO ME NOW!

WHOO!

WITH BATMAN IN A FATAL BIND, HIS FELLOW TEEN-CRUSADER IS BOUNTYLY BOUND... AS IF HANDCUFFED TO THE CAREENING ARMORED-TRUCK...



AND AS THEY PASS ANOTHER STAKE-OUT CHECKPOINT...

THE FIRST FEDERAL BANK! THAT'S GOT TO BE THE PICK-UP POINT FOR THE GOLD-BULLION! CALL IN ALL STAKE-OUTS...

THEY'RE TO CONVERGE ON OUR TARGET... USING OPERATIONAL PLAN "A"!

IT BETTER BE! THE BANK-TRANSFER WILL BE THEIR MOST VULNERABLE TIME! IF YOU GOOF THAT... THEY'LL PROCEED WITH THE 60 MILLION...

TO GOTHAM INTERNATIONAL AIRFIELD... WHERE A VIRTUAL ARMY WILL GUARD IT TILL TAKE-OFF TO EUROPE! SO... DON'T GOOF!

AND... HHEH! HHEH!... Y CAN POLISH OFF THE MAHAH BOY WONDER AT THE SAME TIME! A TIGHT PLAN, EH... BRAIN-DRAIN?

HOOT MON! WHOO-HOO!

UNDERSTOOD... SCHEMER!



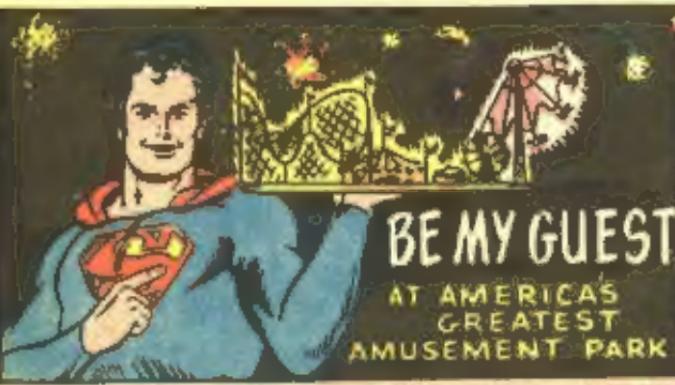
BATMAN'S HEAD CLEARS QUICKLY AS
SCHEMER'S URGENT ORDERS ARE
RELAYED THROUGH TO ALL "SPOTTERS"!

IMPERATIVE! PROCEED TO
FIRST FEDERAL
BANK! USE PLAN "A"!
TO FINISH OFF
ROBIN AT
SCENE!

SPOTTER GRID II
REPORTING IN TO
SCHEMER! WILL
JOIN OTHERS AS
SOON AS I...
ELIMINATE--
BATMAN!

COMING OUT
OF IT, EH,
BATMAN?
GOOD... I
WANTED YOUR
EYES OPEN,
SO YOU
COULD
SEE
YOURSELF
GET IT!

NOW BATMAN KNOWS THE PRIMARY
OBJECTIVE OF OPERATION: BLINDFOLD...
AND ITS GRIM SECONDARY OBJECTIVE:
THE DEATH OF HIS TEEN WARD, ROBIN!
BUT, IF HE CANNOT RELIEVE HIS OWN
PLIGHT... WHAT GOOD WILL THAT KNOWL-
EDGE DO HIM--IN HIS GRAVE? A
GRAVE PLIGHT... THAT WE CANNOT
MAKE LIGHT OF! IF TWIDDLEING YOUR
THUMBS WILL RELIEVE YOUR TENSION
TILL THE NEXT (SEPTEMBER) ISSUE--
TWIDDLE WHILE BATMAN BURNS!



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